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The Honorable William J. Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

The Office of Technology Assessment has prepared a draft of a report on Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies in response to requests from the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It is the wish of these committees, and our intention, that the report be published as an unclassified document, with a separate classified annex containing certain supporting data and explanations. To this end, we have prepared a text which we believe to be unclassified. This text is accompanied by one classified footnote in Chapter 7 (which will be removed from the unclassified version of the report unless the material it contains becomes unclassified before publication--an event we are expecting) and a classified annex.

We request that the Central Intelligence Agency review this draft report, and advise us on whether it contains any intelligence information which requires protection. We also wish to know whether the classified annex contains any intelligence information which requires protection beyond the draft classification we have assigned it.

We ask that this review be conducted as expeditiously as possible. Although the complete draft is long, most of it is completely unrelated to intelligence sources, methods, analysis, or estimates. We are enclosing four copies of the draft ("Ballistic Missile Defense Technologies, Draft of 6/21/85") to facilitate the review. I hope that your review will be completed by Friday, July 12, and I would greatly appreciate it if it could be done sooner. I would appreciate receiving as soon as possible your estimate of how long the review will take.

In the event that your review identifies passages in the text which should be modified in order to avoid conveying classified information, or passages in the classified annex which appear to be incorrectly classified, it would help us greatly to receive back a copy of our draft text with specific problems clearly identified. It would also be helpful to our staff to meet on a classified basis with individuals who could provide

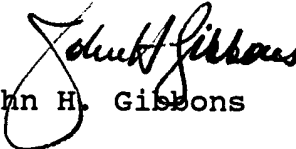


explanations of any classification problems and authoritative advice on how we can, if necessary, rewrite the text so as to convey the essential points without compromising security. For your convenience, and in the interest of saving time, we would be happy to hear directly from the individuals to whom you delegate the task of actual review.

For your information, we are requesting a concurrent classification review from the Department of Defense, which also gave us access to classified material. The draft has already been reviewed by the Department of Energy and found to contain no Restricted Data.

The OTA point of contact to receive comments and respond to questions is the Project Director, Dr. Thomas Karas. His telephone number is 226-2014. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,


John H. Gibbons